

USBORNE VERY FIRST READING: BOOK 8



Moon Zoom

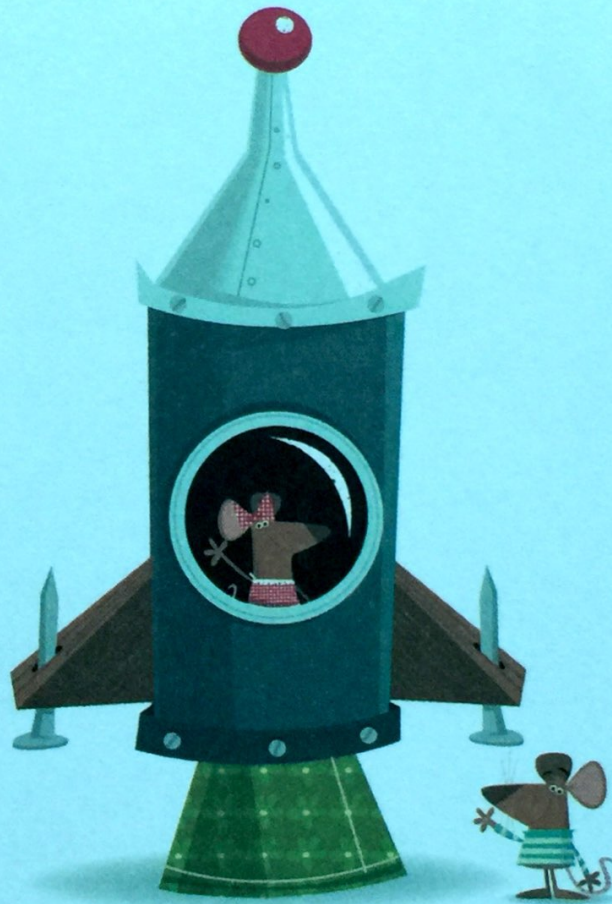


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How this book works

The story of **Moon Zoom** has been written for your child to read with your help. Encourage your child to read as much as they can, helping to sound out the words if they get stuck.



There are puzzles after the story, and for these you will need to read the instructions to your child.

You can find out more about helping your child with this book, and with reading in general, on pages 30-31.

Moon Zoom



Turn the page to start the story.



The moon is
bright tonight.

The attic fills
with silver light.

Jack
cannot sleep.



“Ella!” he says.
“Let’s go to the moon.”



“Quick, pack a picnic.
Let’s go soon!”






The rocket speeds
into the night.




The moon gets nearer...
Such a sight!



A cartoon mouse with large ears, wearing a blue and white striped shirt, stands on a snowy, rocky landscape at night. The background is dark with several yellow and green stars. A large, light blue speech bubble is positioned above the mouse. The mouse is looking up at the speech bubble.

I'd better
fix the landing
gear.

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A cartoon mouse with large ears, wearing a red and white checkered dress and a matching bow, stands on a snowy, rocky landscape at night. The background is dark with several yellow and green stars. A large, light blue speech bubble is positioned above the mouse. The mouse is looking up at the speech bubble. A green, patterned box is visible in the background.

Let me
unpack the
picnic, dear.

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The picnic is laid
upon a rock.



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Ella jumps
in shock.

Can we join
the midnight
snack?

“Yes!” says Ella.
“Just wait for Jack.”



“Jack?” she says...
Not a peep.



Now Jack is asleep!

Puzzle 1

Match the words to the pictures.

1. Now Jack is asleep!
2. "Oops!"
3. "Let's go to the moon."
4. "Let me unpack the picnic, dear."
5. The rocket speeds into the night.



Puzzle 2

There is one wrong word in the sentence below each picture. What should they say?

1.



Jack cannot creep.

2.



"We need a pocket."

3.



The spoon gets nearer.

4.

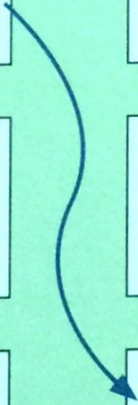


"Dust wait for Jack."

Puzzle 3

The words in each row should rhyme, but the last column is all mixed up. Can you put the words that rhyme together? The first one has been done as an example.

soon	noon	steep
night	light	rocket
bump	jump	moon
pocket	socket	flash
sleep	creep	bright
crash	splash	lump



Answers to puzzles

Puzzle 1

1. E Now Jack is asleep!
2. C "Oops!"
3. A "Let's go to the moon."
4. D "Let me unpack the picnic, dear."
5. B The rocket speeds into the night.

Puzzle 2

1. Jack cannot ~~creep~~.
Jack cannot sleep.
2. "We need a ~~pocket~~."
"We need a rocket."
3. The ~~spoon~~ gets nearer.
The moon gets nearer.
4. "~~Dust~~ wait for Jack."
"Just wait for Jack."

Puzzle 3

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Guidance notes

Usborne Very First Reading is a series of books, specially developed for children who are learning to read. **Moon Zoom** is the eighth book in the series, and by this stage your child should be able to read the story alone, with occasional help from you.

In **Moon Zoom**, your child starts reading words that begin or end with two or more consonants, such as 'sleep', 'fills' or 'speeds'. The story also introduces simple two-syllable words, such as 'rocket' and 'picnic', and the letter-combination

er as in silver or better

Learning to read patterns like these can more than double your child's reading vocabulary. Later books in the series introduce different ways of spelling sounds and pronouncing letters, while reinforcing the ones your child already knows.

You'll find lots more information about the structure of the series, advice on helping your child with reading, extra practice activities and games on the Very First Reading website,^{*} www.usborne.com/veryfirstreading

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Some questions and answers

- **Why do I need to read with my child?**
Sharing stories makes reading an enjoyable and fun activity for children. It also helps them to develop confidence and stamina. Even if you are not taking an active part in reading, your listening and support are very important.
- **When is a good time to read?**
Choose a time when you are both relaxed, but not too tired, and there are no distractions. Only read for as long as your child wants to – you can always try again another day.
- **What if my child gets stuck?**
Don't simply read the problem word yourself, but prompt your child and try to find the right answer together. Similarly, if your child makes a mistake, go back and look at the word together. Don't forget to give plenty of praise and encouragement.
- **We've finished, now what do we do?**
It's a good idea to read the story several times to give your child more practice and more confidence. Then, when your child is ready, you can go on to the next book in the series, **Run, Rabbit, Run!**

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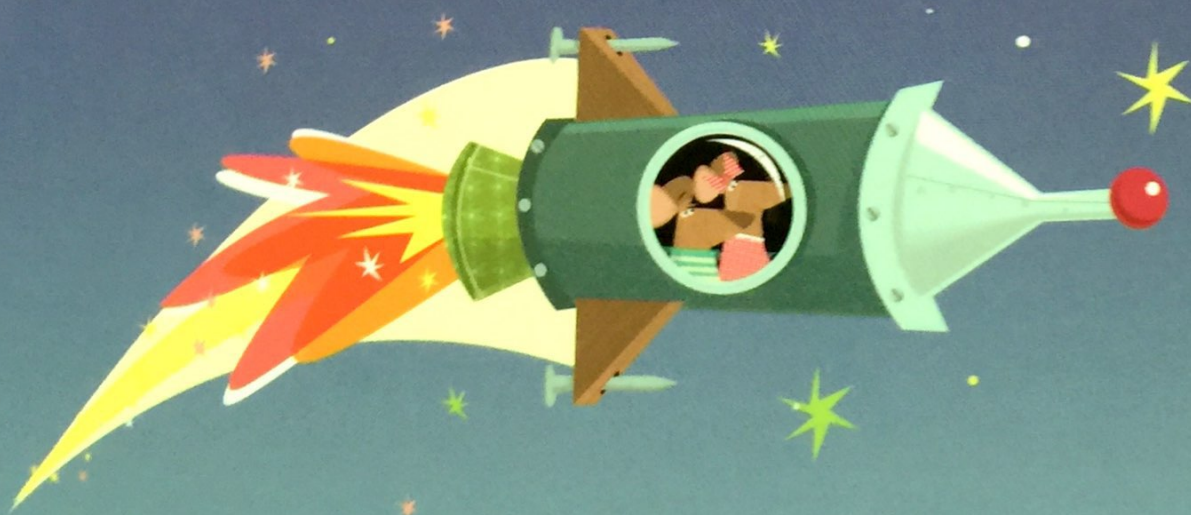
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Designed for an adult and child to read together, the series combines lively rhyming stories with inspiring illustrations in order to build the skills and confidence that will encourage a lifelong enjoyment of reading.



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